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TELEPHONE, BEEKMAN 2200. The Pittful Obstructors.

The debate in the Senate on the war resolution yesterday was memorable because of what the opponents of the American course did not say. They brought forward no facts: they attempted no justification of Gerargument that was not based in timidity, personal ambition or malice. Their arguments, if we may dignify their puerile utterances by that name were a rehash of policies and paradoxes long ago rejected definitely by the American people

They had, in truth, no case. They obstinate men; at worst-we put it generously—the selfishness of job holders concerned solely for their fortunes, and unable to recognize the difference between parochial wirepulling and the vital interests of the antion. They sought fame and won momentary notoriety, for which they will dearly pay to the nation they have defied. Against them inexorable conditions growing out of the dishonesty and brutality of the German Empire sounded the warning the overwhelming majority of their colleagues beeded, and the gravity of the nation's state threw into high relief their mock heroics and their petty programme

Intellectually and morally the ob structors of national destiny were displayed as pitiful mountebanks, bereft of dignity and shorn of respec tability; nor did any of them help his case by whining for ultimate admission to the ranks of honorable men who put politics aside and played the part of Americans.

Play the National Anthem as It Should Be Played.

We are willing to accept Senator occasion when he was hissed for not standing during the rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" he did not the orchestra began with "Dixie" and ances. We say this confidently, for vate responsibility to the status of alty for their lack of interest. gave a number of other popular airs the United States was never so well before it came to the national and the united States was never so well before it came to the national and the united States was never so well before it came to the national and the united States was never so well before it came to the national and the united States was never so well before it came to the national and the united States was never so well before it came to the national and the united States was never so well before it came to the national and the united States was never so well before it came to the national and the united States was never so well and th good deal of sympathy for the cranky. erverse statesman from Mississippi in this particular case.

The anthem ought never to be in of a popular song, confuses the auditors and generally robs the music of North for the benefit of the South. ity to the army regulations, which who have been guilible enough to which might easily produce serious tition of any part not required to be honor cannot be cheaply followed, the food resources of the country are we have rejected is a Prussian over-

be taken straight, as a patriot takes his citizenship.

ticipation would bring the struggle filled treasury. to an earlier conclusion because ma-

second factor, and he is right. If Mr. Wilson's address to Congress could be placed in the hands of he called on to pay a share of the to do. German statesmen, judged by every German civilian and soldier its debt we are bound to incur. appeal from the Imperial Government to the German people, for whom sympathy and friendship are expressed, its ringing indictment of autocracy, and the genuine love of lib- many laughable literary errors about erty that pervades it, would mightily music. It seems that "Trilby" is perswell the agitation for peace that is haps the greatest repository of musigaining headway in Germany. It can- cal miracles known to fiction. Mr. views. not be disregarded by the Govern- Elson names a half dozen impossible ment without grave danger to the feats, of which the most amusing is dynasty. If the people could realize Du Mauriza's statement that Sventhat the great and resourceful United gall could transform the cheapest tune States, with its population of 100. Into rare and lovely melody "without as it has been conducted since February 600,000, had at last decided to join altering a note"; and he adds: "Com- 1, but this, declare the officials, is not dithe Entente Allies and make resolute war upon the Central Powers. demoralization would set in and the

every intelligent German. will do its utmost to prevent the ciraddress among the German people,

ress and commented upon in hostile of verse and prose. victory for Kultur promised them.

read to Congress be dropped from the calist a broad "a" and he will go after air on the other side of the Rhine and | the standing high C record. they would do more damage to the fire in a month.

Beneficiaries.

can or should be met from taxes col- texts of his own music dramas. lected during the war's progress. The credit of the nation not only must be written first in a projected song or a his country in the wrong, "faithless," used, but it abould be used freely, not passage of opera? The question may "disloyal," "guilty for a selfish mostances, but because it is just and have to be fitted to a whole musical many; they failed to adduce a single proper that future generations should score, as in the case of Viennese oper of her women and children on the bear a part of the burden the struggle ettas imported to New York. Here will impose on us.

citizens of to-day but for the preservation of those rights of which they are the trustees and which they are in honor bound to transmit unimrepresented at best the perversity of paired to their descendants. The truly a permanent public work as tained without change. any enterprise on which the nation could embark. Their purpose will be the defence of rights more impor- down. Sometimes the lyricist can tant to future Americans than any material edifice that could be devised. rights for the safeguarding of which the men of to-day will sacrifice their before him. In general it seems to tainment of which they must give their lives, and for the enjoyment of which their successors will gladly pay in have written two songs for every one whatever coin may be asked of theni. The imposition of a portion of the load, the small part of it most comfortable to bear, on the Americans of o-morrow who are to enjoy the greatest blessings flowing from our action to-day is just and proper.

The belief that judicious bond issues will lead to dangerous inflation is not based on reasonable consideration of the situation. Against such ately adopt measures for the consera misfortune the energy of the Gov. vation, improvement and distribution painful sensation in Austria The details of the transactions to be narrow vision, but with broad under- that with the feeding of our fleet and standing of all the factors concerned. VARDAMAN'S explanation that on the We shall see, not an orgy of improviknow it was being played, because the community from serious disturb- light zone between public and pri- favor? Rather they should pay a penbefore it came to the national an- situated, by statutory enactment and should not delay preparations for the them; and astounded though we are by experience, to avoid the evils of orderly regulation of the trade in all eckless financing as it is to-day.

The preposterous notion that there is no limit to the burdens that may be profitably laid on the residents of the possibilities of the situation as a but she has no use for the hyphen. one section by the representatives of matter of high patriotic abnegation. cluded in medleys. This use of it another has been fostered of late by They will do nothing of the kind. cheapens it, reduces it to the level the party in control of the Congress, of a popular song, confuses the audiits dignity and its significance. It It has lately received a considerable gauged now. Postponement of the should be played everywhere and but generally ineffective literary sup- preliminary details can only result port from pacifists and pro-Germans, in confusion and disagreements provide that "the national anthem think that they might aid their cause embarrassment. shall be played through without repe- by pointing out that the path of repeated to make it complete" and An effort has been made to put our and to what extent they are avail- lordship, a code of morals that sticks prohibit "the playing of the national duty on a dollars and cents basis, able; it should be informed as to the at no crime to accomplish Prussian States will have suffered a very small anthem of any country as part of a and to threaten with ruln those who transportation situation generally and purpose, and dependency on Prussia percentage of this loss, but if the daily chose the way of self-respect. But specifically as related to the food "The Star Spangled Banner" should the disastrous effects of unnecessary, vengeful and unscientific taxation, sition promptly to apply its power to all we are worth. It must be no weak imposed in malice and collected not the suppression of any plan for the is that which is most vigorously waged on a basis of scientific financial ad-Mr. Wilson's Message Could Be justment but with the mad idea of or coterie of individuals through the end.—Senator HENRY CAROT LODGE. injuring individuals, are too well exploitation of civilians, the naval In commenting upon the entrance known to require argument for their and army establishments, or of those of the United States into the war exclusion from any serious scheme for in foreign countries whose cause has Viscount Bayce declared that our partitle maintenance of an adequately become our cause.

President Wilson called in his ad- Berlin Permits Itself Again to Be terial aid in money, men and sup-dress to Congress for "credits " . . plies would give the Entente Allies sustained, so far as they can equian increasing physical advantage, and tably be sustained, by the present again because American belligerency generation by well conceived taxawould have a moral effect which tion." In this phrase the word "equi-German militarism could not long tably" must not be overlooked. It goes nently gentle Foreign Minister, it will hold out against. He is inclined to to the root of the whole subject. The lay a good deal of stress upon the financial measures to be adopted we packed the German Ambassador must be equitable; and in equity the off; Count vox Bernstorer, however, when the application of the two cent to thirty-eight years, all these ships citizens of America still to come will

Writing in the Musical Quarterly. ABTHUR ELSON of Boston points out posers and publishers are longing for some one of this sort."

Even such talents as Browning, war would become a forlorn hope to who knew music; Victor Hugo, Russ many toward the United States, the KIN, CHARLES LAMB and George Mer- war she has remorselessly waged No doubt the Imperial Government EDITH have been guilty of slips which against us on sea and land, her hosmake musicians smile. Having pre- tility evidenced in arson, train wreck, cast culation of Mr. Wilson's inspiring sented the errors of litterateurs in all incendiarism and murder, are what lusions to an art of which most of have forced this country into the war, them.

but it cannot be kept out of the em- them knew little or nothing, perhaps we can conceive of no reason why the pire altogether. A version will be Mr. Etson will proceed to expose the empire should change its practices. generally published by a regulated sins of musicians against the writers They are the acts of war that have

spirit, but from the full text the mes- The commonest is unnatural empha age of democracy will be eliminated. sis. The composer seizes a poem which recognition of the status actually ex-Nevertheless, it cannot be suppressed, has become a part of the common isting can make will be in the liberty any more than could be withheld the heritage of all men and proceeds to we shall gain to strike back at a foe streets of this city; but a counter effect news of the revolution in Russia, fit notes to it regardless of words and who has attacked us viciously for that great movement of an oppressed syllables. If the first line runs; months people which Mr. Wilson was at "Thou art like a flower" he is certain special pains to ball as a boon to hu- to ask for a long, high note, a climax, manity. Together the sweeping away on the second word: "Thou ar-r-t like of autocracy in Russia and the com- a flower." Sung, it sounds as though ing of the United States into the war the singer were reasserting a comparto combat the autocracy in Germany Ison which had been vigorously denied cannot fall to make a profound im- to exist. All the composers do this, pression upon the German people, more or less. Puccini is a conspicuwho are inexpressibly weary of the ous offender. The note writers also fustification at times in the fact that Let a million copies in German of certain sounds are favorable to high the message which President Wilson notes and others are not. Give a vo-

But why do musicians fit sentimencause of Prussian militarism than all tal tunes to sprightly words and It must present truthfully the comthe ammunition that the enemy could sprightly tunes to meditative coup-Let the Burden Fall on All the fashion it into first class songs? Why the doings and sayings of the William Nowhere in history or economics is many trashy librettos and why are Haynes Holmeses. support to be found for the proposal good librettos consigned to uninspired put forward in certain quarters that composers? Perhaps Wagner knew the war expenses of the United States what he was about when he wrote the

Ought the music or the words to be fully paraphrased. This was the case Holmes is neutral. with LEHAR'S "The Count of Luxembourg," where the deft English hand of Bastr. Hoon and another wrought military and naval operations in book was devised by GLEN MACDONwhich we shall engage will be as oven the Londoners' lyrics were re-

Where words and music are in production conjointly no rule can be laid the high tide submerges it. pen happy lines suiting the composer's melody; as frequently the composer is helpless without words property and their blood, to the at- be a case of trial and error, and by the time the operetta is ready for rehearsal both composer and lyricist needed. When the curtain rises for the first performance this total has been at least quadrupled. If the stage manager has had his way.

Mobilizing Certain Essentials of Life. | the open air at Brussels.

If we are to take advantage of the If we are to take advantage of the corruption preceded the rising of Pestaurant for my dinner at night, and the Russian people. It is significant we are allowed three courses. We can ernment and the intelligence of the of its food supply. Already freight army, the maintenance of adequate stores of food for the civilian population, and the supply of grains and

its branches. There is no use in hoping that spec ulators will exclude themselves from sibilities of their activity should be

The Government should learn wha problem; and it should be in a po-

Astonished. Rerlin runs true to form. Imperia officials "cannot see any reason for America's hostile attitude toward Ger many." Dr. ZIMMERMANN, the emi be recalled, was "astonished" when said it was the only thing left for us their outgivings on American affairs are capable of amazement when they see water run down hill. Their plans

are engagingly simple: "It was declared there would be r change in the German attitude, even to Congress adopted President Wilson's

"Germany will not declare war i take any step to wage war against the

United States. "The submarine war will be continue rected more against the United States

than any other neutral." As the unchanging attitude of Ger-

compelled us to abandon our neutrality, and the only difference official

Dirty Work.

One of the inevitable features of the business of news presentation and a feature never relished by newspaper the effect that it was an insult to a flag men themselves is the task of reporting the ugly exception. Many readers, without stopping to reflect, ery out against this; it would be a war and have abandoned hope of the distort accents. They have partial justifiable to rebuke the cartographer for charting isolated and dangerous reefs in midocean. To show up the duty as to record the vast stretches of open sea. And the newspaper has as imperative a duty to its readers. mon sentiment of the country in relets? Why do they seize upon so gard to public affairs of every kind. much worthless verse and try to Not less truthfully must it narrate do grand opera composers pick so Jennings Bryans and the John

While millions of Americans are pledging to the Government their unqualified support of a war on Germany to protect American rights the Rev. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES declares alone because of financial circum- surprise some readers, but often words tive of a grievous fault"; the fault of wishing to put a stop to the murder high seas, "Other clergymen may there is no choice possible. The Ger- pray to Gop for victory for our arms The United States enters the war man lyrics cannot be translated, al- -I will not." In the presence of not merely for the protection of its though they are sometimes success- murder the Rev. John Haynes

> Among the most disagreeable dulistening to such utterances and print- starvation yet, and so far as I so skilfully that when un American ing them with the same degree of people are better off as a whole owing conspicuousness as that conferred on to so much money being about than they necessary to chart the reef even if you the quantity of sugar that they

> > La Follerre cares not who makes war for his country, so long as he can Metropole or Charing Cross being used do its deliberating

> > but the onion that sold for \$200 in probably would have taken the Charing England was not a prodigy of the mar- Cross Hotel had it not always been ket but a war bezaar contribution to crowded by men coming home on leave suffering humanity at the front.

> > That silent farewell of the grateful streets of every town, and I have noticed Belgians to Brand Whirtock, Ameri- no difference in London. Of course there can Minister, was more moving than must be a difference owing to the great the most eloquent oration. No one number of men who have gone into the knew it better than the German Gov- army; but you very rarely see a man ernor, who does not permit emotion in anywhere in England with an arm or

war, the United States will immedi- that scandals in connection with the eat quite as much as we require, and sale of army supplies have made a the sin to me is to see the various res-

banking community will be potent, congestion has led to annoyance and introduced a bill under which citizenthe cost of foodstuffs has given cause ship would be conferred without preundertaken will be studied, not with for serious concern. It is obvious liminary declaration on "thousands of in that, of course, there is terrific Germans who have lived here a long worty owing to the prices of the varitime, are anxious now to become citi- ous commodities used, but although the zens, but have neglected to take out war has been on for now two and ; their papers." Why should these men, half years we have not been stopped dence, but a scientifically informed lation, and the supply of grains and who have enjoyed an America has the prevision applied to the needs of the meats to the European enemies of give, without assuming any obligations, now be the recipients of special of the interview tions, now be the recipients of special of the interview tions. quire.

> Queen Lillicokalant has raised the Stars and Stripes in testimony to her undivided allegiance to the States. This country cost her a throne

> The Frankfurter Zeitung feels that "it is a painful fact that the German spirit, notwithstanding the numerous remained on the whole without any painful; but it is untrue that German they had of good to offer us we gratefor in every way in our power. What for our development.

If we fight at all we must fight for In other words, fight the way HENRY

Mayor WILLIAM H. THOMPSON Chicago leads a highly exciting life. When he is not the idol of his fellow man in the city; when he is not winning an election, he is being licked growth, its size, its strength and lasting out of his boots. Tuesday he and the qualities. From these trees it is quite Republicans took a thorough beating, easy to secure ship timbers up to three Chicago, however, holds an election every day or so, and at the next one Mayor THOMPSON is as likely as not to be the hero of the hour

What is \$2.01 a bushel for wheat postage rate to the Virgin Islands puts economy within the reach of all?

I am chalking the deadline beyond which Germany may not again advance

When a German statesman mark deadline he uses blood.

If GEORGE SYLVESTER VIERECK has beome an American, is there not hop for BRYAN?

The grill at Albany has little fire under it.

Himore was banished from the city with-out ceremony. Gifmore, it seems, had re-seatedly made remarks which the Plains

NO FLAGS AFTER SUNSET.

Let the Military and Naval Practice Regulate Display of Old Glory.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: To an American just returned from abroad unting, particularly in the principal s produced by the numerous flags that are allowed to remain out at night and the want of uniformity in the placing of those that are draped on the fronts of houses and suspended across streets. I had always thought that there had een an authoritative pronouncement to

flags should always show the jack to the north or east. A CITIEEN. NEW YORK, April 4.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The merican flag files everywhere in town lonely reef is as much a part of his and probably throughout the country, a am informed, on account of the peace guided people how and by what means this flag with its original thirteen stars ame into being?

How Was the Flag Won?

Was it gained in a peaceful way Or did our forebears fight for it? Did they fight? History surely tells us they did, as

STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER BRANDON, Vt., April 4.

LONDON IN WARTIME.

o Scarcity of Food in the Restau rants and Theatres Crowded.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: A nterview in THE SUN of February 13 with one Ned Wayburn about wartin conditions in London is misleading There is no such scarcity of food as Mr. Wayburn reports. We are all sup posed to be on rations voluntarily, but am sorry to say that when in London forget my rations. I have a very healthy appetite, and never yet have I been short of anything to eat. I am astounded to see the amount that some people get through; anyway, you can ties of newspaper work is that of depend upon it that we are nowhere near the words and acts of the overwhelm- have coffee whenever I require it, and were in pre-war times. In my hotel ing majority of Americans. It is sugar, but they do not put in front of used to offer you, yet there is more than enough for any one.

I have never heard of the Hotel Cecil. as hospitals or barracks. The Metro-Two dollar wheat is a stern reality, ment for offices, I believe, and they The surprising thing to me is

number of men one sees about the leg missing or with an eye gone. When in London I go to the Frascati

taurants crowded every night, and the theatres also crowded. Really, we have Senator Townsend of Michigan has very little to complain of, and one would never think that we were at war un

> is about the only true statement in the whole of the article. There is no doubt hardship or privation in order to win.

W. G. ROCHDALE, England, March 20.

LET US BUILD SHIPS. An Oregonian on the Possibilities Merchant Fleets.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SITE Sta stics show that at the commencemen immigrants into the New World, has of this war ships of all nations totalled approximately 50,000,000 tons, and it effect." Were it a fact it would be estimated that this tonnage is disappearing under the waves at the rate of about immigrants and German spirit have 1,500,000 tons a month; therefore it then without influence here. What will be surprising if the total tonnage fully received, and endeavored to pay 000,000 tons, or one-half the amount available at the commencement of the great European struggle.

For self-evident reasons the United press can succeed in awakening our peo ple, and if there can be placed upon the statute books of the nation proper and effective laws, this country of ours can build, man and furnish cargo for its

bottoms The Pacific coast people are bending every effort to foster and encourage the shipbuilding and ship owning industry are especially active along these lines. as that State is the home of the Douglas townsmen, he is the most unpopular fir tree, more commonly known as Ore gen pine, a wood famous for its slow

> feet square and 150 feet in length A perusal of the Marine Register wil show that the Pacific Ocean is to-day to 5,000 tons and in age from one year

being now in active service. Couple with the resources of the steel Douglas fir shipbuilding districts and tional law. you get a potential strength capable of placing the merchant marine of the United States upon its proper level.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 1.

From the Cristeld Times

We would remind our city brethren the in every war in which the United states his preparations, covering a period of of America has been engaged, the Eastern forty years. Our country should have Shore of Maryland furnished its full quotof patriots, and they were fighters, Talked Too Much.

From the Hulchisson Necs.

The people of Plains are not to be beyond any reasonable doubt when John Gilmore was banished from the city without ceremony. Gilmore, it seems, had repeatedly made remarks which the Plains

It comes with bad grace for a Western Shore of a Western Shoreman to intimate that Eastern Shore of outlawry. It is simply incomprehensible how any citizen of our country who is credited with having a sound the British, more Eastern Shoremen were thought any reasonable doubt when John Gilmore was banished from the city without ceremony. Gilmore, it seems, had repeatedly made remarks which the Plains

It comes with bad grace for a Western Shore of outlawry. It is simply incomprehensible how any citizen of our country who is credited with having a sound the British, more Eastern Shoremen were the British, more Eastern Shoremen were the constant of the British of the continual destruction of the authorities at War" there is a chapter that every who is credited with having a sound the British of th it comes with bad grace for a Western Shoreman to intimate that Eastern Shore patriotism is dead. When John Paul Jones of this country. The Eastern Shore did not lack patriotism in the civil war. It peatedly made remarks which the Plains people deemed exceedingly inappropriate and they decided to have no more of it. Shore furnished more recruits in the Spanished more was accompanied some distance ish-American war than any other section of Maryland, according to size and population, and the were more Eastern Shoremen in the clash at Vera Cruz than from the clash at Vera Cruz than from men in the clash at Vera Cr any other part of the State.

THE CONDUCT OF WAR.

The End Justifies the Means Only When They Serve the End.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir:

able all the means that appear necessary to that end are justifiable also. This is the principle which defends those ex-tremities to which the violence of war test by force between parties who acknowledge no common superior, and since it includes not in its idea the supposition of any convention which should place limits to the operation of force, it has naturally no boundary but that in which force terminates—the destruction of life force terminates—the destruction of life against which the force is directed. Lat against which the force is directed. Let of war authorizes no acts of hostility but what are necessary or conductve to the end and object of the war. Gratuitous barbarities borrow no excuse from this plea, of which kind is every crusity and every insult that serves only to exasperate the sufferings or increase the hatred of an participants. enemy, without weakening his strength, or in any manner tending to procure his sub-mission; such as the slaughter of captives, the subjection of them to indignities or torture, the violation of women, the prof unation of temples, the demolition of public buildings, libraries, statues, and in general the destruction or defacing of \$37,000,000 to their fuel bill for 1917 general the destruction or defacing of works that conduce nothing to annoyance or defence. These enormities are greater than in 1906. The Federal ture itself, as having no proper tendency per cent. For the present year a furto accelerate the termination or accomplish the object of the war, and as con-taining that which in peace and war is equally unjustifiable—ultimate and gratui-

told the commission:

\$7,400,000 for the system.

road lines east of Pittsburg face a

total increase of \$29,300,000 in ex-

Something serious will happen to

increases in expenses, which Mr. Rea

said he had no desire to overstate, are

Since last October, although our

Railroad.

even that stock was guaranteed by

New York Central

proving sound.

met with adequate revenues.

There are of course some who main- lines east of Pittsburg have risen an tain that no war, even one of defence, average of 78 per cent. in two years. is morally justifiable, and others who, recognizing no moral standard but the Mr. Rea said, the Adamson law will right of the strongest, justify any means cost the Pennsylvania lines east moby which this right can establish itself. by which this right can establish itself, than \$9,000,000 and the entire system will deny, as the Germans have tem at least \$13,500,000 additional done, that restrictions should be ob-

Our country, which missed the opportunity of entering a protest against the barbarous methods of the Germans early in the war, will now experience those methods, and the innocent must suffer for the guilty. PHILADELPHIA, April 4.

THE CORONERS.

One of Them Impugns the Motives of east and west, an increase of \$42.the Commissioner of Accounts. 600,000

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In an article entitled "Restore the Coroners?" in THE SUN of March 21, signed ard M. Wallstein, the Commissioner shows the same disregard for the truth that he showed in his report of his in- traffic has been at or very close to vestigation of the Coroners' office, in which report he twisted and altered the testimony to suit his own ends.

before the Senate committee, but had yet been fully compiled, but from the compensatory in revent years, facilities no reply to make.

would reinstate the Coroners under the the entire Pennsylvania system for would have been more prompt. name of Medical Examiner, which is not February, 1917, will show a decrease, an amendment to the present Medical

The amendment cuts out the part which was done in the interest of centralization. It proposes one Medical Examiner for each borough instead of one for the whole city, and makes the office elective instead of appointive, requires the Medical Examiner to be a skilled pathologist and bacteriologist.

The number of times Mr. Wallstein mentions pathologist and bacteriologist in his report on the Coroners' office shows that he is abnormally impressed Specialists in pathology and bacteriology spend most of their time in the laboratory with their eye to a micro- ary, 1916.

scope and are not the men for a position such as this, which requires the the narrowing margin between rail-Medical Examiner to make investigations road receipts and expenses, that the the railroads would be so greatly call for considerable detective work on the great transportation properties of well be his part.

responsible for placing the Coroners sys- par, or that the Eric Railroad and the country would possess tem under another name, for that is all Southern Railway failed in their atthat the 1915 bill amounts to plus cen- tempts to work out comprehensive quire money; money can only be of financing schemes?

traligation FRANK S. SENIOR, M. D., Coroner. BROOKLYN, April 4.

GERMANY THE OUTLAW. amount of work done in 1915-and What a Plain Man Thinks of the Doctrine of Non-Resistance. the Pennsylvania Railroad.

an outlaw with his gang should ride into any town of our entire country and give notice that any citizen or any person from anywhere who attempted to go up and down on a certain street after a certain day would do so at his own risk, and if the outlaw should, when that day arrived, shoot up a number of persons, including women and children, what would that town do Would its citizens stand still and listen cunningly devised threats and of this country.

sophistries of that gang, and would they delay action, deeming it respectful and courteous to give the outlaw a chance to commit further acts of vio- esses of our national life are depend- of the country? of the country. The citizens of Oregon lence? Or would they, as a unit, immediately act, and put the outlaw out of business? They could do even better in the face whichever way you turned clal progress of America, an by meeting him on his appointed day was that the railroads are swamped and doing it then Germany, led by the Kaiser, has facilities to handle properly.

demonstrated to the world that she is just such an outlaw, and it is so perfeetly plain that any high school boy have not the cars to handle properly can see it if he reads the sections of the business that has been forced upon great industries, the results international law and the treaties which them during the past year. carrying scores of these Douglas fir Germany has so brazenly violated. The ships, ranging in burden from 1,000 tons list of violations is a long one, both hands of the shippers is another story, in the great commercial war on land and on sea. The high seas are public highways, and anybody has a guaranteed right to use them in the conduct of his legitimate business and shipbuilding plants the ability of the within the limits prescribed by interna-

Our country is to-day in just the po

sition in which the town would have been when that outlaw rode into it had its citizens not been prepared with or invitation to the outlaw to come to town. predatory designs of the Kaiser and his preparations, covering a period of been prepared to meet the enemy at the gate, and to put a quick stop to any act

Wild Life at the Kansas Capital.

From the Topeka Capital. Mrs. George Hayden, who is away on visit, should hurry home. Her husband running wild. He didn't get home until making 9:30 o'clock Tuesday night

PROGRESS IN STARVING THE RAIL. ROADS INTO INEFFICIENCY.

an American just returned from abroad passage from the "Moral and Political How the Arteries of Commerce Are Being Reduced to Impotence by Insufficiency of Revenues.

rosa an address by W. W. Atterbury, Ploe President in Charge of Operation of the

Let me give you a few specific in- from the recent annual report of Pres ident Clark of the Lacakawanna Steel Company these remarks:

"The failure of the railroads to

provide equipment necessary for ade-

quate service, while due in some par-

to the agitation of their employees for increased wages and to the in Commission last week, to creased cost of all supplies that they which I have already referred, the use, was fundamentally due to the president of the Pennsylvania Railfact that they have been unable to road system was one of the principal secure increased rates for tation and thus to secure such ear Here are some of the facts Mr. Rea ings as would provide a reasonable margin for improvements. The losses Seven railroads, the Pennsylvania. to the various producers and sha-New York Central, Chesapeake and pers of this country due to failure Ohio, Norfolk and Western, Virginto receive materials on time, lost our ian, Baltimore and Ohio and Western put and increased labor charges Maryland, face a probable addition of through enforced idleness because of congestion at terminals and railroad The taxes paid by these seven railembargoes probably greatly exceed roads in 1916 were 91 per cent. the amount they would pay under rates which would enable the rati-roads to provide proper equipment income tax was doubled last year having been increased from 1 to 2 and terminal facilities.

This is plain and forcible language ther large increase will result by reafrom a man who gets the most son of the new Federal capital stock of every dollar his company spends Let me quote also from a paper Materials used by the Pennsylvania much read by shippers, the Manufa turers Record of Baltimore Of March 1, 1917, that paper said

On a very conservative estimate "We may rail against the roads our hearts' content, we may denounce their managers because they cannot do the impossible thing, but for years we have been trying to compel the a year for the increased wages of the railroads to make bricks withou men affected. Other wage increases straw, to build new lines and enlargwhich it has already been necessary their facilities, while at the same time to authorize will add \$4,800,000 a year passing legislation which made it in the payrolls of the lines east and possible for them to secure the monwith which to do this work. Including other advances in costs

Mr. Rea estimated that during the broblem of the railroads, and that There is but one remedy for the to allow them higher rates, rates con mensurate with the cost of renders penses, and the entire system, lines service and with the added demand that are daily imposed upon the co

It is to the best interests of st our surplus unless these prospective pers and the general public alike the public most needs, as the president the Lackawanna Steel Company ably says, is adequate service

Is there a single large shipper record volume, our net operating in- the Pittsburg district who would come has been going steadily back- more than once in the last year or ward. This has recently been greatly have gladly paid large increases over accentuated. For February the rethe established rates to have had h one sided, dishonest report at the public suits can conservatively be described freight moved promptly. If it had been hearing before the Mayor, and again as alarming. Exact figures have not legal to do so? Yet had the rates beepreliminary estimates it seems clear ties would have already been pr He states that the Gilchrist-Duff bill that the railway operating income of vided and the movement of freigh

Paradoxical as it may seem, an ad true. That is exactly what the 1915 bill of \$3,360,000, or about 60 per cent., vance in freight rates would lower th did, and Mr. Wallstein is responsible for as compared with the same month cost of living rather than raise ! It. The Gilchrist-Duff bill is practically last year, although the volume of Will one of you question the state. gross business was but little changed. ment that the price of food product In these figures no allowance has been fuel, supplies, &c., has been materially made for the effect of the Adamson increased through the local shortage law wage increases. If they had been of equipment or our counted in for February (they must, move? Had rates been high enough as you know, now be paid, the terms in the last few years to have per of the law being retroactive from Janmitted the additional railroad uary 1, 1917), the net results for provements that you all now recog February would have been smaller nize are so badly needed, foods, fue at least another million dollars, and other necessities would now to This means that the net earnings of moving to market freely, in greater the Pennsylvania system for Febru- quantity, and the normal law of suc ary of this year, after the payment of ply and demand would not be up

the Adamson law wage increases, will by a failure of transportation show a shrinkage of not less than In short, freight rates play su-\$4,400,000, or 75 per cent, when small part in the cost of nearly all the compared with the results of Febru- daily necessities of life that an advance would, if apparent at all

Is it any wonder, then, in view of offset by normal supply, On the other hand, the efficient one of creased that the ultimate effect of the country, recently failed in the ef- as a result of the improved machin fort to sell \$25,000,000 of stock at ery of distribution and exchange that

Now, briefly, additional facilities retained if your credit is good; gred In 1916 the only railroad stock is- can only be established by ample sued on the New York Stock Ex- come, and ample income only by

for new construction, was vanced rates, \$351.145.65, issued by the Cleveland Now, do you want increased far and Pittsburg Railroad for a small

I believe you de

This belief gives me courage close my talk by an appeal to you Last year, in fact, was the first do something that, to the best of year in which not a single share of knowledge, shippers have never benew railroad common stock was listed known to do before. I have asked on the New York Stock Exchange in not to place stumbling blocks in which the public took the chance of way of our efforts to obtain adents the investment of money for new rail- rates. I now venture to go road building in the United States further and ask you to aid us effort.

These are not pleasant facts, but When the time comes will to you cannot ignore them. They are of before the Interstate Commerce t profound importance to the shippers mission and say, not only that not object to an advance in rate. You know now what it means to be that you actively favor such an short of facilities. You appreciate vance because you believe it to be a now how intimately the normal proc- sential to the continuing pro-

If you do this, it will mark the The one thing that has stared you ginning of a new era in the comm which selfishness and distruwith business which they haven't the give way to cooperation and dence, an era in which our railre The lines haven't the terminal fa- strengthened financially and of cilities; they haven't the power; many cally fit, shall give you such seras will enable the products of genius and energy, successf The treatment of cars while in the compete in the markets of the I was much impressed in reading that is inevitable.

THEY WILL LEARN.

ent upon adequate railroad facilities.

Out What Bad Behavior Involves.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The ocialists or others of similar disposition tral Park should be cleared who talk of revolting against compul- south end of it was never ganization and arms to meet the out- sory service and state their preference neglected condition. For this law and his gang. Unpreparedness is an for jail should remember that traitors are not jailed to fatten at public ex-We have for a long time known of the pense in time of stress, but are sub- good shape before the end of A jected to the lead cure at twenty paces. NEW YORK, April 4.

they do not wish advice or enlightenment but it would be well if some power could make them see what sort of preparedness we need and how war methods have, changed, instead of foreing us to learn the lesson that cost Britain so many lives by ill her faine steps over again. C. New York. April 4.

CENTRAL PARK IN DANGER Certain Disturbers May Soon .Find Now Is the Time to Clean Ip Protect This Beauty Spot

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN excuse. The few men general observed at work could not

Destruction of plants and a on without abatement. The children do when entering the to break off twigs and small with no effort on the part of

> PREDERICK 1 NEW YORK, April 4.

Nominally the Person for the !-

Miss Ceelle Snow left Thursers, where she has a position office of the Corry Lie Campan